The Painful Severing: Demolishing the Tale of the "Severed Throats"

The Ten Questions and More: Clarifying the Reality of Kantoush and His Group

I demand that this argument and these questions be put directly to Kantoush regarding his story of "severed throats." He has misused a noble, magnificent Hadith[1]; twisting its meaning through ignorance and personal desire; while belittling the intellects of his followers and his group.

1. What exactly is this information that you and your associates have refused to disseminate? What is it that you fear will cause your "throats to be severed" if you were to disclose it?

2. Do you and your group intend to disclose and disseminate this information now, later, or only when you decide the "appropriate time" has come?

3. Who determines this "appropriate time"? Is it you alone, or are you deciding with your group in Aden? Or is there some other party that dictates the timing to you?

4. Why did you delay this disclosure and this excuse of "severed throats" during the long period when your own throats and voices were powerful and aggressive in the following:

    - Slandering Salafis and accusing them of every evil; just as you did toward our brother Sheikh Ali al-Adani,

1 This refers to the Hadith of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him): "I have memorized two vessels of knowledge from Allah's Messenger. I have broadcast one of them, but if I were to broadcast the other, this throat would be severed (quti'a hadha al-bul'um)." Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith No. 120.

who rightly opposed you all this time; and your throats were also loud in attacking Sheikh Fawwaz with wicked hostility.

- Creating confusion regarding our war in Sudan by claiming it was merely "politics" or "speech without knowledge." You claimed it was a "dire calamity" where one should remain silent, while your leader Arafat—the one who belittles your intellects—described it as "empty talk."

5. O Kantoush; what is the ruling on the current situation of your Transitional Party and the harsh military strikes against its soldiers? Is this also considered a "dire calamity" that requires silence? What is the judgment on this according to your group, and who is the authority that issues the verdict?

6. O Kantoush; you filled the world with shouting and false principles; claiming that Sheikh al-Bukhari is the "Final Reference" and the ultimate authority for resolving every crisis within the global Da'wah. Have you returned to him regarding the crisis that has currently befallen you?

7. When Sheikh al-Bukhari (hesitantly) directed people to remain with the legitimate government and its president, did you act upon his fatwa and direction?

8. What is your position; and the position of those with you; toward the statement and fatwa of this "Reference" (Sheikh al-Bukhari)? All Salafis want your answer. Or do you fear "severed throats" here as well? Who exactly is threatening you? We want answers as clear as the sun, Kantoush. Your voice was one of the loudest in your group when intervening in religious matters in which you had no standing; you were

not a reformer in those matters, but a corrupter.

9. We all demand to know—with specific dates and documentation—who exactly threatened your throat and the throats of those with you? And when did this happen?

10. Who is this bold and aggressive "terrorist" who has threatened you all with "severed throats"?

These are ten questions and points that every Salafi in the world expects you to answer with complete honesty and courage; even if your throat is cut. Only then would we say: "By Allah, Kantoush spoke the truth to vindicate the Truth and its people, demonstrated his own sincerity, and formally recanted [his errors]". Only then could we believe you have repented for your insults against Salafis, specifically against Sheikh Ali al-Hudhayfi and Sheikh Fawwaz.

Your voice was used to wrong them, especially since your own "Reference" (Sheikh al-Bukhari) recently returned to the same position held by Sheikh Ali. This is the position of al-Allamah Rabi' al-Madkhali, which is the truth supported by evidence beyond any doubt. You must all apologize to Sheikh Ali and Sheikh Fawwaz. If you did that, Kantoush, and discharged your religious duty by speaking the truth before your throat was cut, we would all say: 'We hope for your martyrdom in the cause of truth."

In conclusion, Kantoush, clarify the following:

1. When you opposed Sheikh al-Hudhayfi years ago with the support of Sheikh al-Bukhari, were you also being threatened with "severed throats" then?

2. Based on that, who was the truly "childish" one?[2] Whose writing was so poor that even a child would not produce it?

Furthermore; for your repentance to be considered sincere and your return to the Truth to be genuine, you must abandon all twisting, turning, and maneuvering. You must stop using emotional tactics; even though your aggressive and loud throat is highly skilled at such deception.

You are required to issue another apology to every Salafi in the world. I must also remind you (if Knowledge were a person) that you owe a formal apology to the Science of Usul al-Fiqh and its scholars, both past and present. This is because your own speech, Kantoush, has exposed your ignorance, your intentional disregard for the truth, and your blatant transgression against this foundational science.

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2 This refers to the derogatory label of "childishness" (sibyan) previously used by Kantoush and his group to belittle the writings of Sheikh Ali al-Hudhayfi and others who opposed them during past trials.